



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 04-14

WHEREAS, escalating health care costs are of primary concern to Kansans, making health care increasingly unaffordable and without corresponding improvements in quality of care

WHEREAS, 25 to 35 percent of the total annual U.S. healthcare expenditure is attributable to administrative costs resulting from complex payment mechanisms, inconsistent practice standards and an underdeveloped information technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has estimated that preventable medical errors result in as many as 98,000 deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the privacy and security of personal health information is of great importance to and in the best interests of the people of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, advances in information technology have made it feasible to implement a health information infrastructure capable of accurately and efficiently recording and tracking all aspects of health care delivery and payment, incorporating evidence-based practice guidelines, and providing health care data to authorized parties in a format that supports sound health policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a plan to revamp Kansas' health system infrastructure is necessary to reduce costly and duplicative administrative processes, improve health care delivery and outcomes, and expand the use of health information technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby, create the Governor's Commission on Healthcare Cost Containment with the following purposes and charges:

1. The Commission shall be advisory in nature.
2. The Commission shall be composed of 19 members, to be appointed by the Governor. Membership shall include representatives of the health care provider community, business community, health plans, legislators and other stakeholders in the health care community.

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3. Lieutenant Governor John E. Moore shall serve as Chair of the Commission.
4. The Commission shall make recommendations on solutions to reduce health care administrative processes that increase costs without improving patient care.
5. The Commission shall advise and support the Governor and her staff as they develop and implement strategies for more efficient and effective uses of health related information.
6. The Commission shall identify obstacles to revamping Kansas' health system infrastructure and provide recommendations to remove or minimize those obstacles.
7. The Commission shall assist the Governor in ensuring that the strategy and plan preserve the privacy and security of health information, as required by state and federal law.
8. The Governor shall provide staff support to the Commission and may enter into contracts as necessary or proper to carry out the provisions and purposes of this order. In addition, all agencies under the control of the Governor are directed, and all other agencies are requested, to render full assistance and cooperation to the Commission.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 04-14 and shall become effective immediately.

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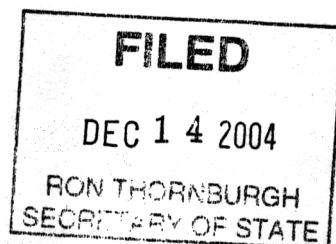
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